Mrs. Ted. Gandolfo
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Dear Anita,

I have just received a letter from Ted in which he says that he is confined in the Payne Whitney Clinic, apparently psychiatric ward, by force and by U.S. Marshals. He says this happened when he went to his hospital for a Valium refill, when "my doctor immedialy called" a marshal, who took him to the clinic. He says also, "They won't tell me why or anything."

In his account this was preceeded by ~~WAB~~ WBAB radio station telling him that they would not air his interview on the HSCA, after which he made another call to the station, when someone that he saw and heard two FBI agents order, his word, Joll Martin, the interviewer, not to air his show.

He asked me to write him at the clinic or through you.

I hardly know what to say.

I can't believe that the FBI would "order" any radio station to do anything. It would mean too much trouble for them. They are generally unwilling even to say anything. I know of instances in which they refused to appear and I know of no instance in which any agent ever appeared. Even after they retire, this is very rare.

Of course he cannot be confined involuntarily, without a court order or someone signing for it, like you.

If he is confined under any other conditions, getting him out would be no problem.

However, unauthorized confinement could mean a very large lawsuit, so it is not easy to believe that this happened.

He says he is puzzled and scared, and I can believe that.

Can you please enlighten me?

Meanwhile, will you please tell him that I did receive his letter and that I've written you instead of addressing him at the clinic. Thanks.

Best wishes to you both,

Harold Weisberg